

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a removable lid for sealing a container having crimping about its perimeter, the improvement comprising a plurality of evenly spaced, elongate radial beads extending from adjacent the center of said lid to adjacent a position spaced apart from the perimeter of said lid, said radial beads predisposing strain creases to form in an even pattern coincident with said radial beads in a direction towards said lid perimeter when a pressure differential develops across said lid.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The improvement of claim 1 wherein said beads are stamped in said lid.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The improvement of claim 1 wherein each of said radial beads is a channel depression formed in said lid.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A sealed container comprising:
a container body having an open top; and
a removable lid covering the open top of said container body and being crimped to said container body about the periphery of said lid, said lid comprising a plurality of generally evenly spaced, elongate radial beads extending from adjacent the center of said lid to adjacent a position spaced apart from the perimeter of said lid, said radial beads predisposing strain creases to form in an even pattern coincident with said radial beads in a direction towards said lid perimeter when a pressure differential develops across said lid.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The container of claim 4 wherein said beads are stamped in said lid.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The container of claim 4 wherein each of said radial beads is a channel depression formed in said lid.